Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 18, 2007

Faith Sharing
Readings and Questions for the Weekend of November 25

Luke 23:35-43

Christ the King

Listen to the Word
As you hear this familiar story of Jesus on the cross, what words or phrases catch your attention? In this reading, what touches your heart? What image strikes you?
Theme: In Christ, everything continues in being.

Look into Your Life
Question for Children: Jesus is always kind to those who love him. How do you show your love for Jesus?
Question for Youth: In the end, as today's Gospel shows, Jesus never seems to stop forgiving. In your young life, what role does forgiveness play? How have you learned to forgive others?
Question for Adults: As you think about Jesus on the cross having compassion on the "good thief," what lesson do you draw from this for your own life?

Monday, November 19
1 Macabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Luke 18:35-43
8:00 a.m. – Daily Liturgy
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
6:30 p.m. – Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. – Pastoral Council

Tuesday, November 20
2 Macabees 6:18-31; Luke 19:1-10
No Daily Liturgy – Fr. Mark's Day Off
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
7:00 p.m. – Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m. – Collection Counters Meeting

Wednesday, November 21
2 Macabees 7:1, 20-31; Luke 19:11-28
5:30 p.m. – Daily Liturgy
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Food Pantry

Thursday, November 22
Sirach 50:22-24; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Luke 17:11-19
8:00 a.m. – Daily Liturgy
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours

Friday, November 23
1 Macabees 4:36-37, 52-59; Luke 19:45-48
8:00 a.m. – Daily Liturgy
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Office Hours

Saturday, November 24
1 Macabees 6:1-13; Luke 20:27-40
8:00 a.m. – Daily Liturgy
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Food Pantry
3:30 p.m. – Reconciliation

Christ the King
2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

5:00 p.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist

Ministry Schedule
Bread Baker: Mary Blauvelt
Altar Servers: Sarah Cresalia, Courtney Cassen, Joe Schulte
Blood: Greg & Nancy Sass, Lorinda Collings, Joe Deaver
Body: Walt Wilson
Lectors: Tom Collings, Cathleen Denekamp
Sacristans:
Ushers: Kevin Conway, Charlie Cresalia
Choir: Lori Miller

Sunday, November 25
Christ the King
2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43
8:00 a.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: Jodi Kaup on her Birthday

Ministry Schedule
Altar Servers: Brianna Quinn, Korry & Brett Beyer
Blood: Larry Williamson, Judy Wilson, Marty Quinn, Diane Clarke
Body: Walt Wilson
Lectors: Judy Wilson, Diane Clarke
Sacristans: Marc & Brenda Jacobs
Ushers: Stan Barber, Don Everson
Choir: Regina's Minstrels

9:15 a.m. – Just Faith Meeting

10:30 a.m. – Liturgy of the Eucharist
Intention: OLBH Community

Ministry Schedule
Altar Servers: Mattias Didriksen, David & Katie Strand
Blood: Denise McCormick, Christine Didriksen, John & Bernadette Usera
Body: Walt Wilson
Lectors: Michelle Bucholz, Bridgette Fode
Sacristans: The Blauvelt Family
Ushers: The Weaver Family
Choir: Lori Miller

7:00 p.m. – Adoration and Evening Prayer

Sparks from Fr. Mark

This coming Tuesday, November 20, will be our annual Piedmont Valley Ministerial Community Worship service being held at Grace United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. Our parish community of OLBH will take an active part by leading the community-wide worship in the Psalm response, as well as providing an opportunity for some meditative singing and prayer in the style Taize.

This annual community wide worship service also gives us an opportunity to give back to the community our donations of treasure, which will be used to replenish our food pantry, as well as, to continue to give relief to those who suffered the storm and flood in Piedmont and Hermosa.

It is of a grateful heart, that we are able to respond to those in need, for we ourselves have been blessed in so many ways. In the past, our parish community has not widely participated in this annual community -wide Thanksgiving worship service. If you are free on Tuesday I would really encourage you to come and pray as the body of Christ as we strive to be food for those in need.

As we gather as Christian churches, and as the People of God in Piedmont Valley, it is not only a time of thanksgiving but also one of hope. I thought a quote on hope would help for our preparation for Tuesday night as we gather in solidarity with one another to be hope for the world. "Above all, we need to turn to God and to one another and hope. Hope assures us that, with God's grace, we see our way through, what now seems such a daunting challenge. For believers, Hope is not a matter of optimism, but a source for strength in action and demanding tines. For peacemakers, hope is the indispensable virtue. This hope, together with our response to calls for conversion, must be rooted in God's promise and nourished by prayer, penance, and acts of charity and solidarity." (United States conference of Catholic Bishops, A Pastoral Message: Living with Hope After September 11 [Washington, DC: USCCB , 2001])

Prayer List
Names will remain on the prayer list for one month. Please contact the office if continued prayers are needed.
Improved Health: Joe Creek, Helen Barber, Grant Coffin, Mary Kay Young, Ron & Donna Eliason, Sharon Long, Cliff Meyer, Don & Dorothy Norman, Don Konechne, Doris Hume, Joshua Weaver, Dorothy Roseland, Jim Raba, Missy Jorgensen, Don Thrall, Gertrude Bessie, George Senn, Karen Weyrich
Repose: Darvin Weiger, Steven Melvin, Phillip Clarke, Don Barbour, Faith Albrecht, Thelma Sorenson , Mike Cariveau

This weekend our Confirmation candidates and sponsors are at their entrance retreat at St. Martin's.
Let us pray for them as they enter the continuous journey, to explore their Catholic faith. Let them be an example to us all.

Mickayla Bradley	Zach Cimburek
Gina Czmowski	Bethany Ehresmann
Sawyer Fleming	Mark Flottmeyer
Josh Hoesing	Ryan Krogstad
Ashley Palu	Samson Ptacek
Nick Rogers	Taylor Rohrbach

Stewardship, November 10 &11

Loose	$1,919.51
Envelopes	$1,927.00
Votive	$1.00
Student	$183.00
Adopt a Seminarian	$30.00
Building Fund	$25.00
Mass Intentions	$80.00
Other	$15,500.00
Total	$19,981.08

Fall Festival and Turkey Dinner

Please join us Sunday, November 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the annual Fall Festival and Turkey Dinner. We are asking each family to bring a large salad (12+ servings), dinner rolls, or pie. We are also taking donations of crafts, baked goods, cakes for the cake walk, and bingo prizes. Thanks for your contributions, they are appreciated! There are sign-up sheets in the narthex. Tickets are $7.00 for adults and $4.00 for children. Children under 3 are free. If you have any questions please contact Lorinda Collings at 787-5623 or Cathleen Denekamp at 787-6398. See you there!

Quilt Raffle

We will have a raffle drawing at the Fall Festival on November 18 for the quilt hanging over the stairwell in the church. This is a handmade quilt, 72"x 80". Raffle tickets are $1.00 each or 6 for $5.00. To purchase tickets, you may either call Eileen Desmond at 430-0209, or pick them up at the Fall Festival. You need not be present to win. Proceeds will be for the Peace and Justice ministry. Thank you for your donations!

Anything Missing from Your Kitchen?

Are you missing a favorite dish, bowl, pot, or cake pan? If so, it could be in our kitchen downstairs. Any items not claimed by Thanksgiving will be given to the needy.

Extraordinary Eucheristic Ministers

There will be training on Monday, November 26th at 7:00 p.m. Any questions or problems call Walt or Judy Wilson at 787-4673

OLBH Library Update

From Mary the Librarian

May you celebrate a joyful holiday! This week we've provided a copy of a Thanksgiving prayer and an extended blessing, which you may use for your family meal. It is taken from *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*, a book donated by Father Mark. Copies are on the table in front of the library. The handout also contains some Thanksgiving quotations from *The Book of Catholic Quotations*, which can also be found in the library.

We have several good Advent resources. One new book, *Advent and Christmas with the Saints*, creatively incorporates words of wisdom from holy people to provide a spiritual focus for each day. Another book, *Come to Christmas*, describes the customs of the Advent season.

If you have preschoolers in your home, check out an excellent book by Julie Stiegemeyer about God's blessings on the Pilgrims and the help given them by the Native Americans. If your children enjoy working with crafts, there are two new titles to provide suggestions.

If you'd like to check out these or any other books, just sign your name on the card and leave it in the basket in the corner of the room.

The materials ordered through the Catholic Family Book club are in! I've packaged them, and they're ready for pick up in a box by Betsy's desk.

Knights of Columbus Essay Contest

How to Help Others See God in Their Lives

Entries must be turned in by January 31. More information is posted in the gathering area.

Middle School & High School Registration

If you have not completed registration forms for your middle or high school youth, please do so before the next event. Forms are in the gathering area. Contact Teresa Thompson at teresa@olbh.org or 787-5168 if you have any questions.

Middle School meets December 5th at 7:00 pm
High School meets December 19th at 7:00 pm

Attention Parents of College Students

OLBH Youth and Young Adult Ministry would like to send your college student(s) a packet for Advent. Please call or email names and addresses to Teresa Thompson at teresa@olbh.org. Thank you!

Women's Encounter

We will meet Tuesday, November 27, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Danielle Rose, a counselor at Catholic Social Services, will speak on Historical Trauma. This topic is of particular interest because of its social justice relevance. This topic should aid us to understand the unique behavioral situations in the Native American people. All are invited—men and women! If you have any questions, please call Kathy Van Asma at 787-6218.

Advent Retreat

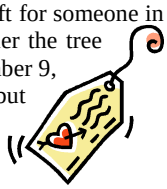
December 1, Benedict Hall, St. Martin's Monastery, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Your offering of $10 includes refreshments. Take time to joyfully meditate on Christ's coming to save the world. To register, contact Sister Marmion Howe, OSB at 343-2688.

Christmas Gifts Needed For Sturgis Senior Care Center

Clothing, socks, undershirts, pajamas, slippers, hair bands and barrettes, jewelry, body wash, body spray, lotion, shampoo, knick knacks, Christmas cards and wrapping paper. All must be new or like new. A collection box is in the gathering area. If you have any questions, call Kathy Van Asma at 787-6218.

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is now up in the gathering area! Take a tag and buy a gift for someone in need. Please place gifts under the tree no later than Sunday, December 9, with tags attached, but **unwrapped**. All gifts will stay in the Piedmont and Black Hawk area. If you know of someone in our area who is in need of Christmas gifts, please call Judy at 716-4647 or Dorothy at 787-4509.



Remember our Wounded Soldiers

When you mail your Christmas cards this year, send one to the following address:
A Recovering American Soldier
Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue NW
Washington DC 20307-5001

25th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

A turkey dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Council 1489, will be held November 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton School. All are welcome and the meal is free.

Playground Monitor Needed

St. Elizabeth Seton School is in need of a playground monitor 11:00-1:00 and 2:45-3:15 Monday through Friday. Applications are available in the school office, or on line at www.rccss.net/employment.

Baby Clothes!

If you know of a family in need of newborn to 1-year-old boys' clothes, contact Betsy Van Asma at 787-5168 or betsy@olbh.org.

For the Ride Home

By Ted Bergh

Scripture

•And the day that is coming will set them on fire, leaving them neither root nor branch. (Malachi 3:19)
•He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with equity. (Psalm 98:9)
•We worked so as not to burden any of you. (2 Thessalonians 3:8)
•The days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone. (Luke 21:6)

Reflection

•How do you offer yourself for others?
•How do you bring first yourself and then others to know God?
•Have you ever learned a life lesson from an event that first did not seem just or equitable?
•Has there been a time in your life when you were extremely motivated over some activity or sport? What did it feel like? How do you bring that spirit to your life in the gospel?

We lived like skylarks. Our real prayer was our gladness. Our rule was the Gospel, and the certainty that it was God who was guiding us.
When I think back on that time I feel uplifted. I would have liked to fasten forever to that manner of living, for it helped us to break with all our habits, and immersed us in the utopia of the Gospel, which is an explosion of freedom, simplicity of life, love, and the absence of problems.[1]

[1]Carretto, Carlo, *I, Francis*, translated by Robert R. Barr, (Orbis: Maryknoll, NY, 1982), 28.